- 1. A method comprising:
- 2 enabling a mobile unit to access a base station;
- 3 and
- 4 downloading interface software when the mobile
- 5 unit accesses the base station.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 including initiating the
- 2 downloading from the base station.
- The method of claim 1 including initiating the
 downloading by the mobile unit.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 including detecting a
- 2 triggering event and in the response to the detection of
- 3 said triggering event, determining whether interface
- 4 software has been downloaded.
- 1 5. The method of claim 4 wherein if interface
- 2 software has not been downloaded, downloading the interface
- 3 software.
- 1 6. The method of claim 4 wherein if the interface
- software has not been downloaded, using default software.

- 1 7. The method of claim 1 wherein downloading
- 2 interface software includes downloading new versions of an
- 3 air interface protocol.
- 1 8. The method of claim 1 wherein downloading
- 2 interface software includes downloading software suitable
- 3 for a particular geographic area.
- 1 9. The method of claim 1 wherein downloading
- 2 interface software includes downloading software to address
- 3 interface compatibility problems.
- 1 10. The method of claim 1 including downloading an
- 2 update to an air interface protocol.
- 1 11. The method of claim 1 including downloading
- 2 substantially the entire air interface protocol.
- 1 12. An article comprising a medium storing
- 2 instructions that enable a processor-based system to:
- 3 enable a mobile unit to access a base station;
- 4 and
- 5 automatically download interface software when
- 6 the mobile unit accesses the base station.

- 1 13. The article of claim 12 further storing
- 2 instructions that enable the interface software to be
- 3 downloaded at the initiation of the base station.
- 1 14. The article of claim 12 further storing
- 2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
- 3 initiate the downloading of the interface software.
- 1 15. The article of claim 13 further storing
- 2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
- 3 detect a triggering event and in response to the detection
- 4 of the triggering event, determine whether interface
- 5 software has been downloaded.
- 1 16. The article of claim 15 further storing
- 2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
- 3 download the interface software if the interface software
- 4 has not already been downloaded.
- 1 17. The article of claim 15 further storing
- 2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to use
- default interface software if the interface software has
- 4 not been downloaded.

- 1 18. The article of claim 12 further storing
- 2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
- 3 download new versions of an air interface protocol.
- 1 19. The article of claim 12 further storing
- 2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
- 3 download software suitable for a particular geographic
- 4 area.
- 1 20. The article of claim 12 further storing
- 2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
- 3 download interface software to address an interface
- 4 compatibility problem.
- 1 21. The article of claim 12 further storing
- 2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
- 3 download substantially the entire air interface protocol.
- 1 22. The article of claim 12 further storing
- 2 instructions that enable a processor-based system to
- download an update to an air interface protocol.

- 1 23. A wireless device comprising:
- 2 a processor; and
- 3 a storage coupled to said processor, said storage
- 4 storing instructions to automatically download interface
- 5 software when the device accesses a base station.
- 1 24. The device of claim 21 wherein said device is a
- 2 wireless telephone.
- 1 25. The device of claim 21 wherein said processor
- 2 receives an interface software download from the base
- 3 station.
- 1 26. The device of claim 21 wherein said processor
- 2 detects a triggering event in response to the detection of
- 3 the triggering event determines whether interface software
- 4 has been downloaded.
- 1 27. The device of claim 22 wherein said processor
- 2 downloads the interface software if the interface software
- 3 has not already been downloaded.